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Comment of the radio station "Voice of the CPT" on the 6 th of August 1980:

### THE FASCIST TERROR AND THE FORCE THAT WILL DEFEAT IT

Turkey closed the week before with 100 dead and 57 injured. This is the balance struck by the daily "Milliyet" on the 3rd of August 1980. The approximate number of the victims of terror is now 14-15, instead of 10. The fascist terror is mounting every week, every day, every hour.

It is a reality that the main target of the terror are the working class, the patriotic youth and the progressive and democratic forces. After the malicious murder of Kemal Türkler three workers who were members of Maden-İş at the Çinkur factory were killed by the bullets of the fascists. Faruk Tuna, member of İGD (Progressive Youth Organisation), a brave revolutionary was tortured to death at the political police. The fascists burned in Yozgat a building worker by pouring gasoline on him and claiming that he was a "left oriented person". On the same day they murdered İbrahim İnce, member of the Adana organisation of the Republican People's Party (CHP).

The events in Çorum and Fatsa have proved that the fascist terror is practised by the Nationalist Action Party (MHP) and is supported by the state terror. The words of Şener Battal from the National Salvation Party (MSP) like: "MHP is stamped, the hands of this party is blood stained", the statement of the commander of the 6th army division: "those who call themselves as 'nationalists' collect tribute from workmen and organise attacks" move every doubt away that the fascist terror is stamped by the MHP. The clinging of the Demirel-government to the new repression laws under the guise of "combatting the terror" aims in reality to hide the bloody partnership of the Justice Party with the fascist MHP, to divert the attention of the public to these laws and to deal blows to the resistance against the fascist terror. The AP lets its policy be approved also by the CHP. The leadership of the CHP which is losing every day one of its members, one of its deputies or party officials as a result of the fascist attacks is following the tactic of "stopping the terror through the laws of repression and partnership with the AP". Through this tactic the leadership of the CHP brings on the one hand its organisation at the edge of liquidation on the other hand it pushes the party under the field of responsibility of the murders of AP. Since the period of the "12 March" (1971) until today the bourgeoisie laid down many antidemocratic laws. Could it stop the terror? The terror is escalating and spreading despite of the uninterrupted martial law. Then, how can we stop the fascist terror?

The working class gave its definite answer to this question by its



glorious general strike. One million workers and working people showed their decision of resistance against the government hostile to the people, against the fascist terror. Through this action the working class has proved that the single way of stopping the terror is the unity of action of the democratic forces. This glorious political general strike hit the bourgeoisie on its very weak point and alarmed it. The glorious general strike was a big lesson to those who had no confidence in the mass actions of the working class and of the working people. The working class warned the leaders of the CHP who are turning their back to the people and compromising with the AP. The working class called them to stop bargaining behind closed doors and to take their place at the side of the democratic forces. The proletariat of Turkey, through its colossal action of one million gave a fresh impetus to the struggle of the brave young people who followed the "leftist" masked chiefs before; they saw the realities and join the road of struggle drawn by the working class. As it is underlined by the 9th special issue of "Güneşli Dünya" (Sunny World) the stronger the unity of action of the democratic forces will be, the more undefeated and resultive will be the action of the masses. No violence regime can stay even one day on its feet in front of the masses mobilised by a strong democracy movement which includes the broadest sections of the democratic forces

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THE ATTEMPT TO CLOSE DOWN DISK IS A NEW ATTACK AGAINST THE  
WORKING CLASS OF TURKEY

The instigation of a court case aiming to close down DISK (Confederation of Revolutionary Trade Unions), one of the two big trade union confederations of Turkey with more than 500 000 members lead to sharp protests in the progressive public opinion of Turkey and of the world. The court case instigated by the prosecutor who is responsible of searching the murderers of Kemal Türkler, the president of Maden-İş (Metal Workers' Trade Union) who was killed on the 22nd of July 1980 maliciously. The hearing will take place on the 17th of November 1980. The prosecutor Nejat Ülgen formulates his request which in reality is the will of the collaborating monopoly bourgeoisie, of the militarist clique and of the reactionary and fascist forces as the following:

"DISK is pursuing an action to create the order of the working class leaning on Marxism; it wants to shake the state-order from its roots and to establish the power on the working class."



After the instigation of the court case against DİSK aiming to close it down the reactionary and fascist forces have intensified the attacks against DİSK which struggles in Turkey for the strengthening of the class trade unionism. Şükrü Abbasoğlu, deputy of AP (Justice Party) to Giresun said: "We can't afford the peace before closing down DİSK". Newspaper "Tercüman" which is investing together with the famous transnational corporation ITT in Turkey, newspaper "Hergün," organ of the fascist Nationalist Action Party (MHP) have increased their articles demanding the closure of DİSK. Repressions of the members of the trade unions affiliated to DİSK have gained weight. Workers of Arı Biscuit Factory in Istanbul were forced by police and martial law authorities to resign from their trade union organisation. The fascist began to organise massacre to the workers. Three workers of Çinkur Factory, members of Maden-İş were shot down. A building worker was burned after being pured gasoline with the claim that he was a "left oriented person".

Before also after the General Resistance of the 15-16 June 1970, after the general strike that stopped the state security courts 1976, after the antifascist action of 20th March 1978 and nearly after every May Day celebration court cases were instigated against DİSK. All these cases hit the sharp protest of the working class, of the working masses and democratic forces and every time the bourgeoisie had to step back.

DİSK, underlining its decisiveness of making these attempts unavailing also this time says: "The revolutionary trade union organisation of Turkey together with all trade unions affiliated to it, and together with its more than 500 000 members will continue its struggle despite of the wholesided reprisals and of the fascist attacks and will strengthen DİSK. DİSK will fulfil its tasks without exception in order to defend and to develop the achievements and to gain new rights as well as to resist the exploitation, the reprisals and the violences. It is impossible to close down DİSK which is gaining strength day by day and to reverse its just struggle. Today while the strikes are spreading and while the solidarity in DİSK is rising, our working class and the working people will defend DİSK as the apple of their eye".

TSİP (the Workers' Party of Turkey) in its declaration of the presidential board published by the 10th issue of the newspaper "Güneşli Dünya" called "all social forces who don't want Turkey under a fascist dictatorship and all citizens to support the resistance which will be exerted by the working class." Yalçın Yusufoğlu, general secretary of TSİP (Socialist Workers' Party of Turkey) demanded that one should not allow even the discussion of the existence of a legal institution and said: "DİSK is an organisation that is rooted deep in the hearts and minds of hundreds of thousands of workers". The



lawyer Emin Değer in his opinion published by Güneşli Dünya states that DİSK is a legal institution and in order to protect the democracy in Turkey one should not restrict but widen the opportunities for its free functioning.

The attempts to close down DİSK were denounced by the leaders of the trade unions. The presidents, general secretaries and executive committees of the trade unions affiliated to DİSK have condemned the attacks and declared that they all are ready to fight for DİSK. Metin Denizmen, president of Bank -Sen (Bank Workers' Trade Union) drew the attention to the new labour laws and said: "While changes in the code to turn the trade unions into shield organisations are being prepared, while the protests against the malicious murder of Kemal Türkler, the brave leader of the working class continue, the persecutor of Bakırköy instigates a court case against DİSK. Taking all these into consideration one sees openly that the target is the class trade unionism and the working class."

The leaders and many trade unions of Türk-İş (the other big confederation in Turkey) also protested this attack. Petrol-İş issued a statement and called all trade unions and all democratic forces to unite against the attacks aiming to close down DİSK. The president of ceramics workers' trade union affiliated to Türk-İş demanded the unity of action of DİSK and Türk-İş in order to make these attempts unavailing. The general secretary of the wood workers' trade union stated that this attacks towards the working class must be responded by the unity of action of the trade union centers, of DİSK and Türk-İş.

The radio station "Voice of the CPT" in its comment on the 10th of August 1980 on this question told that the attempt to close down DİSK aims to guarantee the power of the collaborating monopoly bourgeoisie and to clean this big obstacle in front of its climbing up to an open fascist dictatorship. In the comment the fear of the ruling circles of the working class, of its organised struggle is being expressed and it is said:

"All democratic forces, citizens against the fascist danger, against the Demirel-government hostile to the people ! The hands risen against DİSK are hands risen against democracy and freedoms, against our working people. Unite and fight shoulder by shoulder in order to break these bloody hands."

PEO suggests a European trade union meeting on the attacks in Turkey:

After the attacks against DİSK have been intensified, the World Federation of Trade Unions (WFTU) issued a statement in Prague and announced that the international solidarity around DİSK will be further strengthened. WFTU also sent a protest telegram to prime minister Demirel. Lawyer Jean-Claude Warten



member of the Departement of Rights and Freedoms of the French CGT came to Turkey in order to investigate the developments in the court case.

On the other hand, Andreas Jarkide, general secretary of the trade union center of Cyprus PEO, sent a message to the center of the WFTU and to all trade unions affiliated to it and demanded a European trade union meeting covering also the attacks against the trade union movement in Turkey and including members and not-members of the WFTU. The message which is published by "Haravgi", organ of the Central Committee of AKEL on the 6th of August 1980 states:

" The situation in Turkey is of big concern especially among the democratic and progressive forces in Europe. Besides the political murders in this country the wave of violence and terror is mounting steadily. Attacks against the trade union rights are stepped up. According to the latest news that has reached us after the murder of Kemal Türkler the ruling forces in this country are mobilised now against DİSK." The message which declared the attempt to close down DİSK as one of the most important attacks of the reactionary regime in Turkey ends as the following: "The so-called judicial investigation against DİSK is a wild provocation to the international trade union movement which is waging a continuous struggle for trade union rights and freedoms. Therefore the Executive Committee of PEO calls the secretariat of the WFTU to organise a meeting to discuss the trampling of the trade union rights and freedoms in Turkey where all trade unions of Europe, whether members of WFTU or not should participate."

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#### 400 DEMOCRATS FROM FIVE CONTINENTS EXPRESS THEIR SOLIDARITY WITH THE PEOPLE OF TURKEY

A representative of the Progressive Women of Turkey took part at the session of women of the nongovernmental organisations' forum held parallel to the United Nations Womens' Conference in Copenhagen. The delegates of the forum supported the campaign of solidarity with the people of Turkey. 400 delegates from organisations for the liberation of the black in the USA, from Cambodia, Laos and Vietnam, from Sandinist Front, Unidad Popular, PLO and ANC, from the Womens' International Democratic Federation (WIDF) and its affiliated organisations signed an appeal to the prime minister Demirel. The appeal calls for stopping of the tortures on political prisoners and detainees, for immediate release of the political prisoners and for closing down of the fascist party as well as its parallel organisations.



## WORLD PRESS ON TURKEY

The fascist terror in Turkey, the tortures and human rights that are trampled, the bankrupt economy bound to imperialism, the relations between Turkey and NATO and how imperialism does intend to use Turkey as a tool for its global strategy, these are the main topics of the articles and comments that have appeared in the world press on our country.

"World Trade Union Movement", the monthly of the World Federation of Trade Unions (WFTU) in its issue 6/1980 on its solidarity pages gives concrete informations about the trampled human rights in Turkey. Jean Claude Wartel from the French trade union centre CGT and Pierre Vandernoot from the International Association of Democratic Lawyers, both members of the Investigation Commission of the WFTU speak about their eye witness in Turkey and show that the treaties of international cooperation as well as the laws of the country are broken.

Newspaper "Pravda", organ of the Central Committee of the Communist Party of Soviet Union in its issue 1st of August 1980 writes in its article "the crises is continuing" about the mounting of the terror and the malicious murder of Kemal Türkler, leader of the workers. Pravda cites the last speech of Kemal Türkler delivered in the latest congress of DISK where the danger of fascism is shown: "Which slogans they may use, the main aim of this murderers is to prepare the way for the rule of the fascist forces. These forces put in front of themselves concrete tasks as to squeeze all progressive forces of the country, or as to isolate Turkey from its real friends." Pravda writes that Kemal Türkler was buried through a colossal antifascist demonstration. It underlines the will of struggle of the people of Turkey for democracy, peace, national independence and good-neighbourly relations. Newspaper Pravda mentions also the demonstrations during the NATO meeting in Ankara and says: "The mass demonstrations and actions during June while the NATO meeting was taking place in Ankara have shown that the Turkish people do not their country to become a springboard of US imperialism. At the meetings in Ankara, Istanbul and other cities of the country slogans 'No to NATO!', 'The American bases should be annuled!' were shouted."

The weekly "New Times" issued in the Soviet Union in its 31 st number of the 1 st of August 1980 in the article "the problems are sharpening" speaks about the the new economic measures of the Demirel-governement, how these affect the broad sections of the population and how imperialism and international monopolies support these. The article states that the terror is used for the imposition of the new laws of suppression and imperialism makes use out of these in order to put new demands: "The



progressive press writes that the escalation of terror and the general attack of the reaction are expressions of the war which is declared by the local and foreign monopolies against the democratic forces."

"Unsere Zeit", organ of the German Communist Party writes about the terror in Turkey on the 29th of July : "As it is stated by the latest plenum of the Central Committee of the Communist Party of Turkey in May , Turkey is drawn step by step through the escalating terror into a semi-military violence regime. The Demirel-governement undertakes everything for spreading the terror throughout the country . In order to abolish the existing limited democratic rights in Turkey, it supports the terror gangs of the Nationalist Action Party (MHP) and cooperates with this party."

Since a long time the announcements, the statements and the documents of the CPT state that the reactionary ruling circles in Turkey make preparations for an open military dictatorship. The American journal "US News and World Report" in its issue of the 4th of August 1980 writes on this question the following: "Prospects of a military takeover in Turkey loom closer... That's what diplomatic analysts are saying as the violence is escalating in July ... Military leaders have a long tradition of intervention in political affairs, but they are trying hard to keep out of the current crises. They fear a coup would shatter the economy, alienate Western just granted Turkey huge loans ... But the patience of generals is growing increasingly thin. General Evren, the chief of staff warned on July 21 that the armed forces will not allow Turkey to be trampled underfoot by unchecked terrorists... if parliament balks? Generals aim to prevent civil war at any cost."

The British "The Times" handles the aim of the imperialists to use the Turkish territory in its issue of the 21st of July 1980 under the title "The need for the West to help Turkey to help itself". The article openly shows what kind of policies imperialism imposes to Turkey : "The moot point today is whether Turkey would be willing to join or support a western military reaction in this area in defence of NATO interests." The same article underlines that the indifferences between Turkey and Greece must be solved for the benefit of NATO and of imperialism and expresses the fear of imperialism which is the result of strengthening of the progressive movements in these both countries : "The mere thought that either Turkey, because of domestic upheavals, or Greece, because of possible political developments may be lost to NATO, must be a recurring nightmare for those responsible for the Western defence planning in this region."

Newspaper "The Times" in its leading article of the 25th of July under the title "The endemic violence in Turkey" defends the trampling of the



human rights in Turkey openly and supports the reactionary Demirel-government hostile to the people: "There is also the widespread use of torture both by the rightwing commandos and by the agents of the state itself -police and armed forces ... This got worse since the Justice Party got returned to power ... Should violations of human rights in Turkey be considered as a ground for withholding economic aid? Certainly not, and not only for the crude realpolitik reason that we cannot afford to alienate the government of a nation so strategically placed, or risk its collapse. That would be a bad argument for supporting a dictatorship, but Turkey's present government is not a dictatorship ... Torture and other methods of repression are not being used to suppress all forms of opposition to or criticism of the government. By giving economic aid, therefore, other Western countries are not helping to maintain an oppressive government in power against the wishes of the people."

The place of Turkey in the global strategy of imperialism, the flowing "aid" of imperialism to Turkey in extraordinary dimensions for that reason, the relations between Turkey and the main imperialist centers are analysed by the article "the support action of imperialism to Turkey" of the IPW/7-1980, the journal of the Institute of International Politics and Economics of the German Democratic Republic. The article points out that the support to Turkey in the framework of collective neocolonialism shows a division of functions; the part of the Common Market, especially of West Germany is intensified in the fields of finance and economy whereas the US "aid" is concentrated in the field of military. The article ends as the following:

"It is unknown today whether the massive support action which have started by the initiatives of the main imperialist forces could stabilize the capitalist system of Turkey temporary, or partially. But one thing is clear: The dependence of Turkey on ruling imperialist centers, to USA and to Common Market will continue to increase and this will reflect itself into the foreign policy of the government of Turkey."

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#### CPT ON THE QUESTION OF IMMIGRATION AND ASYLUM

The dimensions of the fascist terror, of the tortures, of political investigations, of increasing number of people fired from their jobs, of unemployment and price rises have increased the number of the refugees and asylum demanders from Turkey in foreign countries. Federal Republic of Germany where hundreds of thousands of workers from Turkey are working is on the top of the countries the refugees are fleeing to. Parallel to the mounting of terror, of tortures



of political investigations the number of the asylum demanders in West Germany and only in single provinces, in Baden-Württemberg was 600 in 1978 whereas it has grown to 7 000 in 1979, in Bayern in the first half of 1979 it has reached 12 600. The number of the citizens who got a new passport in the first ~~three~~ months of 1980 is about 30 000.

After these developements the Bonn-government exposed visum to Turkey. At the borders camps called: "concentration camps" are established. Those whose name exist in the "lists of to be murdered" prepared by the fascist gangs are expelled by force and sent back to Turkey. Those who get the right of asylum are refused the right to work for one year.

The dimensions of terror in Turkey is not a secret to the European public opinion any more. The tortures, the political investigations and murders are reflected to the reports of Amnesty International and resolutions of European Council. The laws of suppression which are imposed today to our people are not different from the new so-called "constitution" of the fascist Pinochet in Chile which is condemned by the general assembly of the United Nations. The order "fire!" given to the martial law authorities and the implementation of it is the same practice of the fascist junta in Bolivia.

The ruling forces in Turkey call the political asylum demanders as "betrayers" because they want to prevent that the violence of human rights should not reflect itself to European public opinion. The refusal of political asylum to Turkish people by the West Germany, its efforts to hide the real situation in Turkey, a NATO country, on the one hand, and the special implementations for the <sup>so-called</sup> refugees from Southeast Asia on the other hand shows what imperialism understands of the human rights. Imperialism handles the question of the refugees only when they give to it the opportunity to make anticommunism trade through it. The men who have escaped because of economic, social and political reasons from Turkey do not have any value in this trade.

CPT demasking all these underlines especially that whether immigration or demanding asylum are a solution. As it is stated in "Atılım", organ of the CC of CPT in July, the main task is to weed out the reasons of the immigration and demands of asylum; this is to bring the struggle waged for national independence, democracy, peace, social progress and socialism to victory.

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#### ANNOUNCEMENT OF "DURUM"

"Durum", the Information Bulletin of the Communist Party of Turkey will be published as a monthly instead of a fortnightly from the 1st of September 1980 on.